

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 26, 2005:

- A) please consider the responsive Remarks provided herewith in Attachment A; and
- B) please amend the above identified application as follows:
  - Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the replacement paragraphs provided herewith in Attachment B.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 18, 2005

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